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 SYSTEM

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For. Doc No.	Ctry	Patentee/Applicant	Publication Date
0952056	EP	Mitsuba Corporation	October 27, 1999
3707233	DE	SWF Auto-Electric GmbH	September 15, 1988
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